SENATE BILL NO. 169

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to provide for case**
2 **management services for adolescent parents and pregnant adolescents."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:
5 CHAPTER 18. PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR ADOLESCENTS.
6 Sec. 47.18.010. CASE MANAGEMENT AND REFERRAL SERVICES. (a) The
7 department shall provide for case management services for adolescent parents and pregnant
8 adolescents in the state without regard to their income or resources or the income or resources
9 of their households.
10 (b) Case management services provided under (a) of this section must include
11 (1) an evaluation of the needs of each adolescent seeking help;
12 (2) a discussion with the adolescent of various public and private services
13 available to the adolescent in the adolescent's area, such as child care services, financial
14 assistance, health care services, parenting and early childhood development education, vocational

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1 training, transportation assistance, and other appropriate social services;
2 (3) provision to the adolescent of a list of specific service providers that may be
3 useful to the adolescent, including addresses and telephone numbers;
4 (4) education about how to choose suitable service providers; in particular, a case
5 manager shall provide information on aspects of evaluating the quality and suitability of child
6 care services, including licensing regulations, financial assistance available, child abuse reporting
7 procedures, and appropriate child development information;
8 (5) assistance to the adolescent in completing applications for services and
9 transportation to the service provider if needed and requested;
10 (6) monitoring and counseling to assist the adolescent in keeping appointments
11 with service providers;
12 (7) continued assessment of the adolescent's needs as determined necessary in
13 each case.
14 Sec. 47.18.020. CONTRACTING AUTHORITY. The department may contract with
15 other entities to provide adolescent case management services within an area specified by the
16 department. Within an area, the department shall give higher priority to contracting with a
17 municipality than with other organizations.
18 Sec. 47.18.030. ADVERTISING AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES. The department shall
19 publicize the availability of the case management services required under this chapter in a manner
20 designed to most effectively reach adolescents. The department shall require, as a condition of
21 a contract entered into under AS 47.18.020, that the contracting entity advertise the availability
22 of its services in a manner designed to most effectively reach the adolescents living in the
23 contractor's service area.
24 Sec. 47.10.090. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "department" means the Department of
25 Health and Social Services.